## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	)	Confirmation No.: 3752
Kazuo YAMASHITA et al.	)	Art Unit: 1793
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For: PRECIPITATED CALCIUM CARBONATE, METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME AND FILLER FOR LOADING PAPER USING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF SPETEMBER 15, 2009

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the notice dated September 15, 2009, applicants, by their undersigned attorney, hereby elect Group I (claims 1, 3, 4, 8 and 9)(and claim 5).

Applicants admit that the claims of group III are not patentably distinct from the claims of Group I and, accordingly, joinder of the claims of Group III with the elected claims of Group I is respectfully requested.

Applicants note that claim 5 was not included in any of the Examiner's groupings. It is respectfully submitted that claim 5 should be included in Group I.

Beyond reserving the right to rejoin method claim 2 as explained by the Examiner in section 6 of the office action, the restriction between Groups I and II is not traversed.

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